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DIARY NOTES

9 September 1959

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I. At the Deputies' Meeting:

a. I attempted to get the Director to press the President for a decision as to whether he would participate in our Cornerstone Ceremony on the 11th of November. The Director is not inclined to do this until Mr. Khrushchev's visit is over, the President has been to Moscow, etc. Consequently, I am dubious as to whether we will be able to have this at that time, and, if so, there is a good bet that we will get fairly short notice. While the whole thing might be postponed until spring it behooves us to get everything in readiness so that we have a minimum left to do after we finally get the green light on a date.

b. I recommended to the Director that we touch base with the Kilday Committee (Bob Smart) in connection with the progress or, rather, lack of progress which we have made to date with the General Accounting Office. I suggested that we ascertain, if possible, whether the Committee had levied any mandate on GAO which we did not know about. If not, then we should advise the Committee that we could not allow GAO to audit our activities financed from confidential funds and that this had to be ground rule number one. If this could be established we would then try to work out the other ground rules having to do with an expanded audit of vouchered activities. The Director approved. [redacted] talked with Bob Smart who saw no objection to our position. He did recommend, however, that the Director advise Mr. Campbell, the Comptroller General, of this position rather than having me or anyone else tell Mr. Samuelson, GAO. Apparently, Bob Smart is even less impressed with Mr. Samuelson than were we and felt that it would be much better for Mr. Samuelson to receive this information from Mr. Campbell.

c. The Director agreed again to have Bob Macy, Bureau of the Budget, over for lunch someday to discuss the philosophy of our Reserve. However, this should be postponed until after the meetings, which are about to take place, concerning Radio Free Europe and the [redacted] tion have been held.

d. Sherman Kent expressed his strong dissatisfaction with the permission which was granted to Mr. [redacted] to publish a book. While Lyman Kirkpatrick doubted that this had been processed through Sherm's office and that Stan Grogan and the Director had both approved it, Sherm alleged that he not only had not approved but had never heard of it until a day or two ago. (There may be some

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question as to whether Security handled this in accordance with the current Regulations and I have asked Shef Edwards to give me a memorandum outlining specifically what role Security played in this.) In connection with this discussion it was recalled that Mr. [REDACTED] had accompanied the Vice-President to Moscow and the Director said he thought that the time was approaching when our people ought to be able to accompany the Vice-President or anyone else on such trips and be openly identified as a CIA employee. (I must pass this on to Shef Edwards.)

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2. I advised Harold Rubin of the General Accounting Office that we could not agree to the publication of his report on the Air Force contracts with the [REDACTED] Corporation in an unclassified form. He agreed to delete those references which pertain to the Agency rather than to issue it as a "secret" document. (See Memorandum For The Record.)

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3. At the Director's request I furnished him with a memorandum outlining the number of CAT pilots which could be supplied to an emergency operation and without seriously curtailing our regular operations.

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